

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
)
BARNWELL DISTRICT)

Whereas Joseph Maner Lawton the elder deceased, in and by his last will and testament, of which he appointed his wife, Mrs. Elizabeth A. Lawton, the executrix, among other things, devised and bequeathed as follows: "I give and bequeath to my son Asbury one half of my plantation on Coosawhatchie Swamp, called Grimkie to include the buildings and the negro slaves Monday, Barsheba, Caroline, John, Hagar, Frances, Mary, Eli, Victoria, Capers, Maryland, Chester, Caroline, Emily, Charlotte, Chaney, Lovelace, Eugenia, Tyra, Julia and an infant child" (of whom Monday, John, and the infant _____ have since died). "I give and bequeath to each of my seven oldest children namely, William H., John G., Joseph M., James W., Marian A. Maner" (the wife of Samuel P. Maner), "Benjamin T. and Jane M. Kirkland" (the wife of Needham F. Kirkland) "in addition to what I have already given them, three thousand dollars, which sum of twenty on thousand dollars in the aggregate, is to accrue [sic] from the nett [sic] sales of the present and successive crops, after providing for the comfortable support of my wife and minor children; and I also give and bequeath to them my seven oldest children and my son Asbury, the residue, of my negro slaves on my Cooswhatchie Plantation, to be shared equally between the eight; the stock of all kinds on my said Coosawhatchie Plantation, I direct to be sold and divided among my said eight oldest children." And

whereas the testator by a codicil to his said will, among other things, devised and bequeathed as follows, " It is my wish that my two grandsons bearing my name have a fine gold watch and chain a piece. It is my wish that my estate in Barnwell District shall remain as it is until all the debts are paid and all the Legatees paid off, and then a division to take place as soon as possible. It is my wish that my three daughters have five hundred dollars apiece to purchase silver." And whereas the said Mrs. Elizabeth A. Lawton has paid to the said Marian A. Maner and Jane M. Kirkland each the sum of five hundred dollars, and has reserved the sum of five hundred dollars to purchase silver for the testators youngest daughter, and has also reserved the sum of one thousand dollars to purchase the two gold watches and chains, and has also reserved the sum of one thousand dollars for the grave yard and tomb of the testator, to all which we do hereby consent and agree, and has paid to us respectively the shares to which we are entitled of that portion of testator's Estate of which he died Intestate. And whereas we the parties to these presents, being all of full age, have consented that partition be made amongst us of our interests under the will of the testator, and have appointed John D. Knight, _____ Witzel (?) and F. W. Fickling, Commissioners to make such partition. And whereas the said Commissioners have made such partition, and have assigned and allotted to each of the parties to these presents his and her respective shares and lots, in manner following that is to say,

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To the said William H. Lawton Lot No. 8 consisting of the following negroes: Doctor \$3000 Simon 3000 Milly 3000 Lucy 1800, Sarah 800 Henry 800 = \$12400 - cows, sheep mules & horses, wagons & carts \$2113, making \$14513 was entitled to Negroes \$12725 & cows horses etc. \$1825.50 making \$14,550.50 - is to receive \$37.50 (thirty seven 50/100) from Lot No. 1.

To the said John G. Lawton Lot No. 4 consisting of the following negroes: Paul 300, Scipio 3000. Rachel 3000. Kate 2000 Doll 3000 Nelson 1500 Dora 300 Nancy 000. = \$13100 cows etc. as above \$1277. making \$14,378 - was entitled to Negroes \$12,725. Cows etc. 1925.50 making \$14550.50. to receive \$172.50 one hundred and seventy two 50/100 dollars from Lot No. 1.

To the said Joseph M. Lawton, Lot No. 1 consisting of the following negroes: Alek 3000 Dave 3300 Jean 600 Frances 500 John 3000 Lizzy 3000 Sary 300 = 13700 Cows etc. as above \$1578 making \$15278 - was entitled as above to \$14550.50 to pay \$727.50 Seven hundred and twenty seven 50/100 dollars, as follows: To Lot No 8 \$37.50 - to Lot No 4 \$172.50 & to Lot No 5 \$517.50

To the said Samuel P. Maner and Marian A. his wife Lot No. 3 consisting of the following negroes Dex 3000 Hannah 3000 Adam 2300 Emanuel 3000 Louisa 600 Lavinia 300 = \$12200 - Cows etc. 1298 making \$13498 were entitled to \$14550.50 to receive \$1052.50 One thousand and fifty two 50/100 dollars as follows: From Lot No 6 \$1052.50

To the said James W. Lawton Lot No. 7 consisting of the following negroes Issac 300 Chloë 1500 Hariet [sic] 3000 James

300, Patsy 2700 Wesley 1500 = \$12000 - Cows etc. \$2558 making \$14558 was entitled to \$14550.50 to pay \$750 to Lot No. 5.

To the said Benjamin T. Lawton Lot No. 5 consisting of the following negroes Charles \$300 Betsy 300 Alek Jenkins 2300 Susan 3000 Thomas 200 Delia 2000 Monday 300, Mary Ann 1800 Alfred 500 Luke 2700 = \$12,400 - Cows etc. 1278 making \$13678. was entitled to \$14550.50 to receive \$872.50 eight hundred and seventy two 50/100 dollars as follows: From No. 1 \$517.50, from No 7 \$7.50 from No. 6 \$95.00 and from No. 2 \$252.50 = \$872.50.

To the said Needham F. Kirkland and Jane M. his wife Lot No. 6 consisting of the following negroes Harry 3000 Rose 700, Handy 2500 Grace 3000 Sam 500 Eliza 2600 Mary 1000 Hester 500 Rose 300 = 14100 - Cows etc. \$1598 making \$15698. were entitled to 14550.50 to pay \$1147.50 eleven hundred and forty seven 50/100 dollars as follows - to No 3 \$1052.50 and to No 5 \$95.00 making \$1147.50

and to the said Francis Asbury Lawton Lot No 2 consisting of the following negroes Samuel 3000 Emma 3000 Glory (?) 300 Linda 3000 Frank 500 Kain 800 Washington 800 Lucy 500 = \$11900 - Cows etc. 2903 making \$14803 - was entitled to 14550.50 to pay \$252.50 two hundred and fifty two 50/100 dollars to No. 5

To which partition and division we do hereby consent and agree, and we do hereby accept and confirm the same -

And we do hereby release and discharge the said Mrs. Elizabeth A. Lawton of and from all manner of liability to us and to each and every of us, and from all suits, actions, causes, matters and things whatsoever connected with or relating to her

administration of the estate of her said testator, and from all and every cause, claim, suit, action, matter or things from the beginning of the world to the day of the date of these presents, reserving only to ourselves and each and every of us our contingent interests in the estate of the testator and by virtue of the eighth clause of testator's will not herein above recited.

In witness whereof we have hereinto set our hands and seals this first day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty four and in the eighty eighth year of the sovereignty and independence of the State of South Carolina.

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| Signed, sealed & Delivered by |) | |
| W. H. Lawton |) | W. H. Lawton /s/ |
| John G. Lawton, |) | John G. Lawton /s/ |
| Joseph M. Lawton, |) | Joseph M. Lawton /s/ |
| Samuel P. Maner, |) | Samuel P. Maner /s/ |
| M. A. Maner, |) | M. A. Maner /s/ |
| James W. Lawton, |) | James W. Lawton /s/ |
| B. T. Lawton, |) | B. T. Lawton /s/ |
| F. A. Lawton and |) | F. A. Lawton /s/ |
| J. M. Kirkland (The figures having |) | J. M. Kirkland /s/ |
| first been altered and the numbers |) | N. F. Kirkland, M.D. /s/ |
| in writing inserted) In the presence |) | |
| of Francis W. Fickling, and by the |) | |
| said Needham F. Kirkland in the |) | |
| presence of Reuben Kirkland. |) | |

The State of South Carolina

District

Personally appeared before me F. W. Fickling and made oath that he saw the within named W. H. Lawton, John G. Lawton, Joseph M. Lawton, Samuel P. Maner and Mary A. Maner his wife, James W. Lawton Benjamin T. Lawton, Francis Asbury Lawton and Jane M. Kirkland, wife of Needham F. Kirkland sign, seal and as their act and deed deliver the within written Deed, & that her witnesses the execution thereof

Francis W. Fickling /s/

Sworn to before me this 29 day of September, A.D. 1864

W. B. Johnston

Notary Public
District /s/

State of South Carolina

Personally appeared before me and made oath that he saw the within named Needham F. Kirkland sign, seal and as his act & deed deliver the within written Deed and that he witnessed the due execution thereof

Sworn to before me the _____ day of _____ A.D. 1864

William H. Lawton
John G. Lawton
Joseph M. Lawton
Samuel P. Maner & wife
James W. Lawton
Benj. TD Lawton
N. F. Kirkland & wife
F. A. Lawton
 (Deed
 (of
TO (Partition
 (and
 (Release

Mrs. Eliz. A. Lawton
 Executrix

Allotments under partition deed of slaves, livestock, etc. at Grimkie persuant to will of Joseph Maner Lawton, the elder, among his eight eldest children as of January 1, 1864.

| SLAVES | VALUE | BENEFICIARIES |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|
| Monday, Barsheba, Caroline, John, Hagar, Frances, Mary, Eli, Victoria, Capers, Maryland, Chester, Caroline, Emily, Charlotte, Chaney, Lovelace, Eugenia, Tyra, Julia, an infant child. | none shown | Francis Asbury Lawton |
| Doctor Simon Milly Lucy Sarah Henry | \$ 3000 3000 3000 1800 800 800 <u>\$12400</u> | William H. Lawton |
| Paul Scipio Rachel Kate Doll Nelson Dora Nancy | 300 3000 3000 2000 3000 1500 300 000 <u>\$13100</u> | John G. Lawton |
| Alek Dave Jean Frances John Lizzy Sary | \$ 3000 3300 600 500 3000 3000 300 <u>\$13700</u> | Joseph M. Lawton |
| Dex Hannah Adam Emanuel Louisa Lavinia | 3000 3000 2300 3000 600 300 <u>\$12200</u> | Samuel P. Maner & Marian A. Maner |

| LIVESTOCK | VALUE | BENEFICIARIES |
|---|--------|--------------------------------------|
| cows, sheep, mules, horses, wagons, carts | \$2113 | William H. Lawton |
| cows, etc. | 1277 | John G. Lawton |
| cows, etc. | 1578 | Joseph M. Lawton |
| cows, etc. | 1298 | Samuel P. Maner & Marian A. Maner |
| cows, etc. | 2558 | James W. Lawton |
| cows, etc. | 1278 | Benjamin T. Lawton |
| cows, etc. | 1598 | Needham F. Kirkland & Jane M. |
| cows, etc. | 2903 | Francis Asbury Lawton |

total value of cows, etc. - \$14,603

JOSEPH MANER LAWTON (Grandson of Joseph Maner Lawton, Sr. and son of William Henry Lawton (1821-1893) and Sarah Ann Bolling Green, his 1st wife.)

Joseph Maner Lawton was born 29 Sept. 1844 on his mother's estate, "Berry Hill" in Mecklenburg County, Virginia, eldest of five children. His mother died when he was eight, the youngest child soon following her in death. In due course he enrolled in The Citadel, the Military College of South Carolina, leaving there in 1863 to enlist in the patrician Charleston Light Dragoons, Co. R, 4th S.C. Cavalry. His father outfitted him beautifully; his Salingen Sabre is still treasured. He served with great bravery under Gen. Wade Hampton. A comrade and cousin wrote of him that "at the Battle of Cold Harbor he led a charge when men who had seen three years of hard service turned back". He was captured in that "terrible cavalry fight 2 June 1864 at Travillian Station, Virginia".

Imprisoned at Point Lookout, Maryland, he and a number of his comrades attempted to escape in the dead of winter by sawing the bars and endeavoring to swim the icy waters of the Chesapeake. Negro sentinels discovered them and forced their surrender. From the exposure he never fully recovered and died from the effects 17 Aug. 1885.

After the war he entered the University of Virginia to study law, but it was distasteful to him and he returned to his father's plantation near Abbeville, S. C. Here during the deplorable days of "reconstruction" he helped organize and became leader of the local KKK. Federal authorities sought him for arrest, but he eluded them and fled to Memphis, Tennessee. There on the public streets he encountered his cousin, Col. J. Wharton Green, himself a Confederate veteran.

Col. Green was alarmed at the encounter and warned him of the hue and cry for his apprehension which had already reached Memphis. He urged him to flee into Arkansas, then a wild frontier state, and assume another name. This he did, living in Arkansas for three years as "Mr. Plummer". As times grew more tranquil, he purchased a plantation and sent to S. C. for his wife and three daughters: Estelle, Mary Bolling and Caroline. He also persuaded his brother, John Goldwire Lawton, who had married Caroline Gillam, sister to his own wife, Sophie Gillam, to settled in Arkansas and for two generations this branch of the Lawton family lived in that State.

Joseph Maner Lawton was tall and slender, erect as an arrow, with coal-black hair and hazel eyes which appeared black because of his heavy black eyebrows. He was full-mouthed with a swarthy complexion which evidenced his mother's Indian blood.

He married Sarah Sophia Gillam on 11 Dec. 1867 in South Carolina. Their daughters inherited his looks and coloring. His sister, Ann, was also dark and the two were styled the "Black Lawtons" while the twin brother and sister were the "White Lawtons".

Photostats of his Letters, written while imprisoned in Maryland, are still preserved.

NOTE: This Joseph Maner Lawton is not to be confused with his wealthy uncle, Joseph Maner Lawton, Jr. of "Cypress Vale", "Hamilton Ridge", "Boggy Gut", "Thornhill" and "Greenwood" Plantations, who was also known as "Black Joe" or "Devil Joe" (2 Feb. 1825-27 Apr. 1884), nor is his brother, John Goldwire, to be confused with their uncle, John Goldwire Lawton (1823-1870) of "Gravel Hill" Plantation, S. C.

§From family records, copied by the Rev. Fr. Robert E. H. Peeples.)

Son of Wm H. Lawton &
Sarah Bellings Green

Joseph Manen Lawton

Was B: Sept. 29, 1844 on his mother's estate "Lansy Hill"
in Mecklenburg Co. Va. Eldest of 5 - His mother died
when he was 8 - The youngest child soon followed her
in death. In due course he entered the Citadel in
Charleston, S.C., leaving there in 1863 to enlist in the
Patrician Charleston Light Dragoons, Co. R-4th S.C.
Cavalry, which fought in the Civil War.

His father outfitted him beautifully - His
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father's plantation in Albemarle S.C.

Here during the terrible day of reconstruction
he helped organize & became leader of the local K. K. K. In
time the Federal authorities sought him for arrest but he
eluded them & fled across the line into Tenn, on to
Memphis - Here on the public streets he encountered his
Coy. Col J. Wharton Green - he himself a returned Conf.
Veteran -

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frontiers state and assume another name. This he did,
living in that state for 3 yrs. as "Mr. Phummen." (over)

Here, as times grew more tranquil, he settled on his plantation & sent back to S.C. for his wife & 3 daug., Estelle, Mary Bolling & Carrie.

It was thus that for 2 generations this branch of the family of Lawton had their lives in Ark. for he sent for his bro. "Johnny" who came over with his own family to live & die in the State of Ark.

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He married Sarah Sophia Gilliam, Dec. 11, 1867 in S.C. His daughters inherited his looks & coloring. His sister Ann was also dark & the 2 were styled the "Black Lawtons" while the twin bro. & sister were the "White Lawtons".

Portraits of his letters as a prisoner are still preserved.

Note: The Lawton family has inter-married so many times through the years with the S.C. families of Maner, Bastick, Robert & Stafford, that nearly all the descendants are related by blood or marriage -

P.S. By me. This is Robert Gilliam Lawton's family here in Schneepost - Bob's father died in Pine Bluff Ark. last summer or fall.
R.J.

WILLIAM HENRY LAWTON

WILLIAM HENRY LAWTON was born August 20, 1821, and died Nov. 3, 1893. He was the only child of Joseph Maner Lawton and his 1st wife, Mary Ann King, ~~who~~ preferred a college education to the plantation and negroes given his brothers. He was born on his father's plantation at Black Swamp, Beaufort Dist., S.C. and there raised. In time he was sent to Randolph Macon College - then in Boydton, Va., where he graduated with honors in the same class with his close friend, Robert C. Gilliam, 2 of his daughters later married 2 of William Lawton's sons. While in college in Va. he met his future wife, a native of Warren Co., N.C., just across the border of Mecklenburg Co., in which was Boydton. She was then in school in Charlottesville. His letter asking her hand of her uncle and guardian, Thomas Jefferson Green, of Mexican War fame, is still preserved.

He brought his young bride home to his father's plantation, "Thornhill", 8 miles out of Brunswick, Ga. Here malaria was so bad and conditions generally so hard that his father brought him home to S.C. and gave him another plantation, "Greenwood", on the Saluda River, near Ninety Six, where he lived until 1875.

His 1st wife died in 1852, leaving 5 small children and he there upon entered the ministry which he pursued until the end of the Civil War. *Sarah Ann Bolling Green - 1st wife*

During this period he met and married his 2nd wife and had 4 more children.

Despite Reconstruction he prospered in his plantation activities and his place was a marvel of production and abundance. He again took up religious work and preached at Salem Church, a few miles away.

He was a man of deep religious convictions, but tolerant and noted for his love, his disposition. He was about 6 feet tall, sparsely built, with keen gray eyes, a superb horseman and carried a gun with him always. A shot gun in the summer, a rifle in winter. His table was always served with an abundance of wild game of the region.

He was immaculate in his dress, even to his shoes, say those who knew him (wore size 6) and was never seen disheveled.

He was a fast friend of the leaders of the Nation and State and was accorded the respect of his neighbors. His funeral was the largest ever held in the "Up Country."

It is a family tradition that his 2nd marriage was not a happy one, but he always remained gentle, courteous and kindly toward all.

Until his day all of the Lawton's were a blond clan, but his 2 oldest children by his 1st marriage inherited their mother's dark coloring.

John Goldwire Sauton
b. 1823
was the son of Joseph Mauer Sauton
& 1st wife Mary Ann King

Joseph Mauer Sauton b. Aug 1-1800
d. 1863
+ Mary Ann King

he was son of

William Henry Sauton

b. Feb 23 1775-

married Catherine Mauer

Oct 31-1797

eldest child of

Joseph Sauton & Sarah Robert

b. 1754

Joseph Sauton son of

William Sauton & Mary Mambour

1727

Louise Clarkes

mother Nancy (Nancy Postick Lantton
b. ~~1807~~ b. 1807

married 1st Walter Wilson Bronghton

2 children Walter W. Jr. died age 28 yrs
Louise born 1855-

married 2. Carl Neffler + had
1 child Nancy L. Neffler

about 1848

Nancy Postick Lantton

Daughter of John Goldwire Lantton + his
second wife Elizabeth Mauer
(1st wife was Catherine Mauer)
b. 1823 d. 1870
d. 1853

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Nancy Postick Lantton's sisters were
Agnes King Lantton (eldest child
b. a. 1835-
and Catherine Mauer Lantton
b. a. 1834

1823
1848
1850